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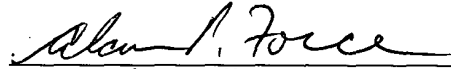
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the U.S. Patents cited in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,718, may be found in the file of that application. Copies of the foreign documents listed are also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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		3,874,092	4/1/75	Huttlin	34	130	
		3,991,225	11/9/76	Blouin	427	3	
		4,127,395	11/28/78	McKey et al.	55	20	
		4,168,674	9/25/79	Futter	118	695	
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		4,245,580	1/20/81	Okawara	118	19	
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		0,105,394	4/18/84	EP			Yes
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